



*Respect for yourself, Respect for others, Respect for your school*

## School Code of Conduct

Whitehorse Primary School recognises the importance of the partnership between our school and parents and carers to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing. We share a commitment to, and a responsibility for, creating an inclusive and safe school environment for our students.

Whitehorse Primary School acknowledges that the behaviour of staff, parents, carers and students has an impact on our school community and culture.

We acknowledge a shared responsibility to create a positive learning environment for the children and young people at our school.

Respectful behaviours are important in building strong, healthy and thriving school communities.

### **As staff, we will:**

- treat all staff, parents, students, and other members of the school community with respect
- communicate politely and respectfully with all members of the school community
- work collaboratively to create a school environment where respectful and safe behaviour is expected of everyone
- model positive behaviour in a manner consistent with the standards of our profession and meet core responsibilities to provide safe and inclusive environments
- plan, implement and review our work to ensure the care, safety, security and general wellbeing of ALL students at our school
- do our best to ensure every child achieves their personal and learning potential
- work with parents to understand their child's needs and, where possible, adapt the learning environment accordingly
- proactively engage with parents about student outcomes

### **As parents and carers, we will:**

- treat all school leaders, staff, students, and other members of the school community with respect
- model positive behaviour to our child/children and to the school community
- communicate politely and respectfully with all members of the school community
- ensure our child attends school on time, every day the school is open for instruction
- take an interest in our child/children's school and learning
- work with the school to achieve the best outcomes for our child/children
- communicate constructively with the school and use expected processes and protocols when raising concerns, making complaints or reporting absences
- support school staff to maintain a safe learning environment for all students.

### **As students, we will:**

- respect ourselves, all members of the school community and the school environment
- model positive behaviour to other students
- communicate politely and respectfully with all members of the school community
- comply with, model and promote school values
- behave in a safe and responsible manner
- actively participate in school
- not disrupt the learning of others and make the most of our educational opportunities.

### **As community members, we will:**

- model positive behaviour to the school community
- treat other members of the school community with respect
- support school staff to maintain a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students
- utilise the school's processes for communication with staff and submitting complaints.

Our school's code of conduct ensures that everyone in our school community will be treated with fairness and respect. In turn, we will strive to create a school that is inclusive and safe, where everyone is empowered to participate and learn.

**\*community members include but not limited to:** extended family members school council members, local residents and businesses, OOSH, kinder, maternal health